

# Youth Services Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 13, 2018

**Location:** Cherry B Conference Room

10:00-12:00

**Present:** Danielle Brier (phone), Jon Kidde (phone), Amy Danielson (phone), Tara Howe, Adam Sancic, John Spinney, Ariel Carter, Holly Morehouse, Kreig Pinkham, Martha Frank (phone), Matt Wolf (phone)

**Regrets:** Theresa Lay Sleeper, Rich Tulikangas, Willa Farrell, Lindy Boudreau, Karen Scott, Helen Beattie

Agenda	Discussion Notes	Next Steps
<p><b>Introductions, Agenda Overview and Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participant updates</li> <li>Leadership changes at AHS</li> <li>Update/report out on the new analysis being done with the workforce survey data</li> </ul>	<p><b>DMH:</b> Commissioner Melissa Bailey departed for a position in Philadelphia. At this point, Mourning Fox (previous Deputy) is now Interim Commissioner. Waiting to hear about permanent decision for Commissioner and Deputy.</p> <p><b>AOE:</b> New Secretary, Dan French, who is doing some restructuring. Used to have two Deputy Secretary's—Amy Fowler and Heather Bouchey. Amy has left and Heather Bouchey is now the Deputy Secretary for the agency. A couple of depts have been renamed.</p> <p><b>Tara Howe:</b> Interagency Core Team event happened in Killington--244 people came. 41% were schools. Last week had first youth advisory council meeting—12 youth attended. Diversity of experience, disability, regions from participants. Next meeting in January. The focus will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Careers</li> <li>Transition to adulthood</li> <li>Bullying harassment</li> <li>Self-advocacy</li> </ul> <p><b>Community of Practice on Youth Voice:</b> next meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>; strong participation with a range of experience levels supporting youth voice efforts; one possible ideas is to combine efforts for youth summits—to have one rather than a number of them.</p> <p><b>Holly Morehouse:</b> State Youth Advisory Council will be meeting Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> --any youth can come to Lake Morey. Contact Sam at <a href="mailto:sam@vermontafterschool.org">sam@vermontafterschool.org</a>. This council is to determine how to spend \$20,000 of funds from the Dept. of Health and the Mott Foundation. A grant opportunity will be open to any youth across the state to propose ideas. Funds will be allocated based on a voting system where youth get to vote on the proposed projects.</p> <p>Small group from Vermont is going to Iceland in early March to hear about Planet Youth (it's their prevention model—involves parent engagement, community involvement, afterschool activities). One of the researchers from Iceland is coming March 19-22 and will be speaking in a</p>	

	<p>variety of locations, including grand rounds March 22<sup>nd</sup> at UVM—Holly will send the information once further details are in place.</p> <p>Feb. 16-24 Lasse Siurala coming from Finland to talk about Youth Work and the importance of this time in life. He has done groundbreaking work on youth development in both Finland and the European Union. Holly will share information on his schedule as well, once it gets mapped out. For both the Finland and Iceland visits, the VT9to26 Coalition is one of the hosting partners.</p> <p><b>Information from John:</b> Any information that you want to get out to schools you can send it to John Spinney for their weekly field memo.</p> <p><b>Workforce Survey Data:</b> the implementation team took the comments back from the full group and in response to the discussion they are looking at who responded (leadership vs. on the ground workers) as well as by type of organization. Theresa, Tom and Holly are going to work on that and report back to the full council in January. Once that analysis is done look at if we can get the survey out wider—may go for a second run at it to get more data.</p>	
<p><b>Youth Outcomes Discussion- full group activity looking at the proposed draft youth outcome measures and getting feedback and suggested improvements from the Council</b></p> <p><b>Membership Updates: Results of membership survey, new invites, gaps, onboarding new members</b></p>	<p><b>Goal</b> is to land on specific outcomes we want to be looking at: The Implementation team did a first cut of the outcomes—see overview document for 8 outcome areas.</p> <p>Brainstormed list of data we would want to know (setting aside our outcomes document)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• That they have a supportive connection with someone</li><li>• How are students accessing supports post high school (transition period)</li><li>• What their plans on for post-high school (do they plan on staying in Vermont)!!!</li><li>• Are there supports they need and do they have a voice?</li><li>• Do they have safe, supportive housing?</li><li>• Employments and career opportunities and do they have the supports to access that?</li><li>• General outcomes about perception of safety</li><li>• How do they feel about their future and a sense of well-being?</li><li>• A sense that their voice matters—connection to community.</li></ul> <p><i>Every measure should be understood in terms of race, gender, socio-economic status, LGBTQ, disability)</i></p> <p>Make an effort to find data for young adults—we do not have the information we need on this age group.</p> <p><b><u>Measures: with an overarching goal of INCREASED RESILIENCY</u></b></p> <p><b>1. Increased positive relationships</b></p>	

- % of youth with one or more significant non-paid adults in their life (can we get this information?) Youth Development Program captures this through age 22, 23 (this is for children aging out of foster care)
- % of youth with at least one teacher or other adult in their school that they can talk to if they have a problem.
- Youth connections scale

## **2. Employment**

- Youth unemployment levels (DOL)
- Youth average income levels (ages 18-24) (DOL)
- % students accessing work-based learning opportunities

## **3. Increased Education Engagement including Post-Secondary Opportunities**

- Expulsion and suspension numbers (AOE)
- % of students who believe they will probably or definitely will complete a post high school programs such as enrolling in a vocational training program, military services, or college (VSAC aspirations survey, WEOA/DOL, Voc Rehab)
- School climate survey (AOE, Sarah Birge) John Spinney will get more information about this survey
- Youth/youth adults in education, training, or employment

## **4. Increased Mental Health and Decreased Substance Use**

- % of youth feeling so sad or hopeless almost every day for at least 2 weeks during the past 12 months that they stopped doing some usual activities (YRBS, BRFSS-Amy Danielson)
- % of youth making a plan about who they would commit suicide during the past 12 months
- % of youth who used alcohol, tobacco, or marijuana during the past 30 days

## **5. Increased access to safe and stable housing**

- Point in time survey (Office of Economic Opportunity)
- # homeless youth—look at what Chapin Hall is doing (Kreig will send information), rural vs. urban
- New rural homeless demo grant (in development)

## **6. Increased Resiliency—incorporate into other measures**

- Center for Study of Social Policy (resiliency scale)
- % of youth who have concrete supports in time of need
- Partnerships in Education and Resilience (PEAR) resiliency measures
  - Assertiveness, trust, empathy, optimism, relationships with peers, perseverance)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # hours per week in extracurricular activities (% 10 hours a week or more)</li> </ul> <p><b>7. Increased access to healthcare and/or medical home</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % of adolescents and young adults making wellness visits (VDH)</li> <li>• Medical homes information (Blue Print) Cheryle will follow up/students with medical home and primary care physician—Holly will follow up with Nate Waite, VDH</li> </ul> <p><b>8. Decreased involvement in the justice system</b> (Theresa to assist with data/more information)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of youthful offenders</li> <li>• # of diversion cases</li> <li>• # of youth on probation through the Family Court system overseen by DCF social worker</li> </ul> <p><b>Data sources/tools:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Thrive survey</li> <li>• Indicator 14—annual survey done by AOE each year—to look at how many youth-they can reach—are working, education, etc.</li> <li>• NYTD-National Youth in Transition Database-for youth who were in foster care and aged out</li> <li>• Look at YRBS for safety questions</li> </ul> <p>We need to decide what data we have, what we'd like and tools/surveys we are watching</p> <p><b>Membership Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheryle will reach out to Blueprint to invite someone</li> <li>• It is important to orient folks prior to them coming on board to the council</li> <li>• Vermont Adult Learning?</li> <li>• Could we design a meeting around certain data sources—VSAC, youth thrive, school climate (AOE)</li> <li>• Tara will reach out to find out if the Youth and Young Adult (YaYa) group is still meeting—if not, see if we can combine forces? And if we can combine forces how would we onboard those folks to this team?</li> </ul>	<p>Have Sarah Birge come to talk about the climate survey</p> <p>It would be good to have someone from VSAC come to talk about their data points and what they gather (senior survey)</p> <p>Holly will take the notes from today and synthesize for the December Implementation Team meeting</p>
<p><b>Next Steps and Wrap Up</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At next month's Implementation Team meeting the outcomes notes from today's meeting will be analyzed so a final set to the full group in January</li> <li>• January meeting, we will review/discuss the information that has been in the Prezi, map other groups that focus on youth services and synthesize all information!</li> </ul>		